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OPPOSING COUNSELS.

Two former presidents of the United States have raised their voices since the Lusitania sinking brought this country to the greatest crisis in a half-century—Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft.

Roosevelt's counsel is one essentially of immediate action. The despatches do not show that he has clearly outlined any thorough-going plan but at any rate he would have the administration make moves which would immediately sever relations with Germany. That could mean little else but war. He criticises the administration violently. He would have the nation exert such pressure on President Wilson and the cabinet that they would be forced into retaliatory action against Germany.

Mr. Taft probably does not regard the sinking of the Lusitania with any less sincere resentment than does Mr. Roosevelt but his attitude is essentially different. He did not, on the morning after the news shocked the world, declaim against the administration; on the contrary, he urged that the administration be supported. That earnest appeal he repeated last night.

Mr. Taft's reference to the struggle of Lincoln and McKinley to preserve the country from war brings to mind the bitter abuse these presidents endured during the months before they decided that war was not only inevitable but the country was bound to uphold a belligerent course. Both were the targets of the most stinging lampoons and the most grotesquely denunciatory cartoons—in fact, it has often been intimated that the abuse of one newspaper syndicate led to the assassination of McKinley. The president can expect abuse of this sort now—but let us hope that none of it comes from Hawaii.

"DEAR OLD BEN."

The somewhat familiar title above refers to the man who on May 11 became chief of the naval bureau of operations. Another title by which he is affectionately and informally known is "the General Scott of the Navy," and he is said to have won this title because he is the prototype in the navy of the steady advancement and absolute dependability which distinguish Scott in the army.

"Dear Old Ben" is Captain—now Admiral—William Shepherd Benson. He has spent 22 years at sea, voyaged from Africa's steaming shores to Arctic's frozen seas, and has held only one Washington "swivel-chair" assignment. He has seen 38 years' service, most of it of the kind that requires sound judgment, ability to think quickly and a thorough knowledge of the

navy and navy needs. Out of this 38 years, only two months has he spent on duty at Washington, according to a recent chronicler.

As noted when he took his new post, Admiral Benson's selection by Secretary Daniels was a surprise throughout the navy department. Admiral Fletcher had generally been expected to take the new job, but Fletcher preferred to remain in command of the Atlantic fleet—where he is making a fine record.

Admiral Benson is believed to be in harmony with Secretary Daniels, which Admiral Fiske, who retired as aid to operations on the day that Benson became chief, certainly was not. Navy men take the view that officers not in harmony with the secretary are not likely to be promoted.

Admiral Benson has nothing sensational to his record, say well-informed navy men. On the other hand, "Old Ben" is generally liked and his colleagues are confident that he will do nothing anarchistic in the service—which, after the grape-juice order, is considerably of a comfort to the department as a whole.

TAXES.

As a result of the complimentary custom of the territorial tax office, we received a notice the other day that our income tax was due. Now in Chicago Julius Rosenwald and some of the other Big Business chaps have just refused to pay their tax bills because the method of figuring couldn't be understood. We think the same about our tax bill and have indulged this thought annually, but it never made any perceptible difference except to increase the Ultimate Amount that went to the man behind the counter. One of the features of the millennium will be that it will bring tax notices which can be read without the aid of a code-book.

It is not too much to say in truth, and not less than should be said in fairness and grateful appreciation, that the guidance of our Ship of State by Woodrow Wilson and Robert Lansing through the whirling pools of this European conflict has never, in essential sagacity, resolution and patience, been surpassed in the history of the republic.—Col. George Harvey.

Observing Col. Roosevelt's thunderings a few days ago against the administration's European policy, Col. George Harvey commented: "None other would have the audacity to marry altruism and self-interest at the altar of misstatement." This seems to be another version of President Wilson's phrase about "raising Cain."

The Lusitania incident has brought out the usual thing—a lot of anonymous letters, usually signed "Neutral American" but bearing plenty of evidence that the writers are neither neutral nor Americans.

SUPERVISORS APPEAR TO FAVOR ALLOWING 'SUNDAY MOVIES' HERE

"Let the people themselves decide whether or not they will support biblical or educational moving pictures on Sunday by their attendance. We will pass the ordinance necessary and then it is up to the moving picture patrons," says Chairman Horner of the police committee to which body was referred the matter of granting permission to the Consolidated Amusement Company to show "Cabrila" next Sunday.

The supervisors seem to be generally in favor of allowing the company to show the picture, but as the act of legislature makes Sunday movies legal only by ordinance, the permission was of necessity withheld.

The act empowering the supervisors to have such an ordinance drafted was signed by Governor Pinkham near the end of the past session, and reads as follows:

"The boards of supervisors of the several counties and the city and county of Honolulu are hereby authorized and empowered to provide by ordinance for the exhibition of moving pictures of an educational or biblical character on Sundays after the hour of 6:30 p. m., under such restrictions as they may prescribe."

Deputy City and County Attorney W. B. Lymer has been instructed by the board to draft the ordinance. Lymer, however, is waiting for copies of similar ordinances found successful by the California League of Municipalities. He hopes to present the ordinance at the meeting after next.

"The ordinance will have to provide for a board of censors," said Mr. Lymer. "It will be a question at times whether certain films which the theaters would like to exhibit are educational or not."

Although Mayor Lane is believed to be against Sunday moving pictures of all kinds, the supervisors express their approval of the proposed ordinance.

"The Anti-Saloon League and the churches have shown biblical pictures on Sunday," says Supervisor Logan; "we cannot discriminate when it comes to showing the same kind of picture."

Some of the supervisors favor moving pictures on Sunday just as during the week, saying that liquor is sold on Sunday, golf is played and all the other outdoor sports are permitted. They fail to see the difference.

ATHLETIC PARK WILL BE SOLD; USED FOR LOTS

At the conclusion of the Stanford series next month, Athletic park is to be sold. The grandstand will be demolished and the lumber sold, and the grounds divided into town lots.

This information was given out this morning by D. L. Conkling, president of Athletic Park, Ltd.

"There is no money in the park as baseball grounds or an athletic field," said President Conkling. "A big Chinese hut is buying the property, which will be turned over to them immediately after the Stanford university series."

This action means that the Oahu Baseball League will have to transfer its games to Moiliili, the only other available field, or go out of business.

Personal Mention

WILLIAM E. MUSE of Dallas, Texas, arrived on the Wilhelmina this morning and is stopping at the Pleasanton hotel.

NORMAN OSS, who was successfully operated on for appendicitis at the Queen's hospital yesterday, is reported to be doing nicely.

A. F. COOKE narrowly escaped serious injury and possible death yesterday when he fell to the ground between two rapidly moving electric cars at the Kaimuki switch. He suffered a few minor bruises.

HON. SCOTT FERRIS from Lawton, Okla., congressional representative from that district, and Mrs. Ferris were passengers to San Francisco in the Matson steamer Lurline last evening. Mr. Ferris could give only a short time to the trip here.

HON. J. A. M. ADAIR, representative to Congress from Indiana, and Mrs. Adair, who came to the islands with the congressional party, returned to the coast last evening in the Matson liner Lurline. Mr. and Mrs. Adair were unable to continue the tour of the islands.

PROF. P. S. BURGESS, formerly assistant professor of soil chemistry and soil bacteriology at the University of California, arrived in Honolulu in the Wilhelmina to fill the vacancy in the staff of the H. S. P. A. experiment station created by the promotion of S. S. Peck.

CHARLES L. BEALE, bookkeeper for the Honolulu Gas Works, will leave Wednesday of next week for San Francisco. He received news recently of the death of an aunt in the Coast city, which leaves his mother as his only living relative. Mr. Beale goes to San Francisco to reside permanently with his mother.

The nude truth is often mistaken for an epigram.

DIVERS RESUME OPERATIONS ON SUBMARINE F-4

The divers resumed work on the sunken submarine this morning, the barge being towed out at an early hour in preparation for a careful underwater examination of the work accomplished by the tugs yesterday. Frank Crilly is the man chosen to make the dive today, and his report will be of great importance, as it will show whether lifting operations can be resumed, or whether there will have to be more shifting of lines.

Yesterday the tug Navajo dragged one of the heavy chain and wire lines under the stern of the boat, and it is believed that a good hold has been secured. If Crilly's report verifies that conclusion, then a strain will be taken and another attempt made to bring the F-4 upward and shoreward.

BEVANI LEADER WOULD DIRECT HAWAIIAN BAND

So charmed is Senor Chevalier Luigi Di Rocca, conductor of the Bevani Grand Opera Company's orchestra, with Hawaii that he has offered his services to the city as director of the Hawaiian band, according to Supervisor Horner.

"It is the best we possibly could do in the selection of a successor to Capt. Berger," declared the supervisor. "He knows music and he knows instruments; he knows how to balance a band, so much brass and so many softer instruments, and he is a natural and experienced leader. The only difficulty is whether or not we can employ him without violating the charter. The charter provides that all city employees must have been residents of the city for one year preceding their appointments, unless it be of highly technical service. The question, therefore, is whether or not directing of the band can be classed as highly technical service."

Mr. Horner said he understood Senor Rocca would accept an offer from the city carrying a salary of \$300 a month. At present Peter Kalani, assistant leader of the band, is temporarily filling the vacancy created by Captain Berger's retirement.

"There are two things sadly wrong with the band now," Mr. Horner asserted. "One thing is there is too much brass and too few clarinets, flutes and the like. The other lies in the selection of music. A new piece at a band concert is a rarity and I suppose that is one of the reasons why the attendance at the concerts is so small."

Pay your taxes today; after the 15th inst. ten per cent will be added. Take your tax bill with you. Payment to be made in U. S. gold coin or certified check.—Adv.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT.

FURNISHED		
2222A Kalia road, Waikiki.....	2 bedrooms.....	\$30.00
2223 Kalia road, Waikiki.....	2 ".....	50.00
1811A Kalia road, Waikiki.....	6 ".....	40.00
Diamond Head road.....	3 ".....	60.00
College Hills.....	3 ".....	60.00
Tantalus Heights.....	3 ".....	45.00
UNFURNISHED		
1148 Lunalilo St.....	3 bedrooms.....	\$30.00
1112 9th Ave., Kaimuki.....	3 ".....	25.00
1224 Palolo Hill road.....	3 ".....	30.00
1065 14th Ave., Kaimuki.....	3 ".....	30.00
1028 Green street.....	4 ".....	40.00
2148 Gulick Ave., Kaimuki.....	2 ".....	40.00
1475 Thurston Ave.....	4 ".....	40.00
1201 Auld lane, Palama.....	3 ".....	25.00
Kunawai lane, off Liliha St.....	3 ".....	20.00

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"CARUSO OF JAPAN" IS HERE TO WARBLE

T. Tomoeemon, one of Japan's most famous singers, who arrived in Honolulu aboard the Wilhelmina yesterday, will sing the songs of Old Nippon at the Asahi theater Tuesday night. Tomoeemon is Japan's "Caruso." His musical entertainment is characteristic of old Japan rather than the new.

He sings the old classics of the former empire and tells the old hero stories in the quaint rhythm of Samurais.

The Russian freighter Kiev may call at the port for bunkers. It is reported to be one of a fleet at present engaged in transporting supplies from the United States to Siberia.

Why Pay Rent?

You can buy a home opposite the Liliuokalani school at Kaimuki.

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The house is modern and consists of lanai, large living room, 2 bedrooms, bath room and kitchen; the lot is 75x120.

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1252 Kinau St.....	3 ".....	40.00
2568 Rooke St., Puunui.....	4 ".....	75.00
2562 Jones St., Manoa.....	4 ".....	60.00
1605 Anapuni St.....	3 ".....	50.00
Waikiki.....	3 ".....	40.00
Kinau and Makiki Sts.....	3 ".....	50.00

UNFURNISHED

1270 Matlock Ave.....	3 bedrooms.....	\$32.00
2116 Lunihi Drive, Manoa.....	2 ".....	40.00
1148 Lunalilo St.....	4 ".....	32.50
1328 Kinau St.....	3 ".....	35.00
2205 McKinley St.....	3 ".....	45.00
1579 Pilikoi St.....	3 ".....	37.50
770 Kinau St.....	4 ".....	32.50
1877 Kalakaua Ave.....	3 ".....	20.00
1901 Young St.....	3 ".....	25.00
1136 King St.....	5 ".....	50.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise.....	2 ".....	27.50
2015 Oahu Ave., Manoa.....	2 ".....	30.00
1317 Makiki St.....	2 ".....	30.00
2144 Lanihula Drive.....	3 ".....	45.00
1454 Thurston Ave.....	2 ".....	27.50
702 Wylie St. and Puunui Ave.....	4 ".....	50.00
1251 Lunalilo St.....	3 ".....	45.00
1213 Makiki St.....	3 ".....	30.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa.....	3 ".....	40.00
Cor. Mokuauia and Colburn Sts.....	3 ".....	15.00
Adams Lane.....	3 ".....	35.00
Lower Manoa road and Hillside.....	2 ".....	37.50
Mendocina tract, Liliha St.....	3 ".....	20.00
Kewalo St.....	3 ".....	40.00

SALVATION ARMY WORKER TO TALK FRIDAY EVENING

Brigadier Mary Stillwell, in charge of the Salvation Army work among women and children in the western states, with headquarters in Chicago, Ill., arrived in Honolulu in the Wilhelmina yesterday and will spend 15 days in the city. She is a guest at the Salvation Army home, Manoa.

Brigadier Stillwell will deliver an address at Kawaiaha seminary Friday night, at which time she will tell what the Salvation Army is doing along the line of rescue and slum work. She is a remarkably strong speaker, handling delicate subjects with great tact and common sense. Testimonials show that pulpitists throughout the west have been opened to her, and that her messages are timely and full of interest. Recently she has spoken to student groups in large cities, especially normal school girls, and unusual credit is given her for the practical and delicate way in which she brings out before young women the pitfalls as they exist.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. L. C. ATKINSON: Temperance in armies has awakened the world to its benefits.

—TOM MERLE: Possibly President Wilson may try to show us that the slaps in the face that Germany has been giving us are purely psychological.

—CAPT. L. E. REEVES: It's the hell before the storm. May business with deep-sea tonnage at the port of Honolulu promises to equal that of April.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY PLANS UNIQUE AND DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL EVENING

The Woman's Society of Central Union church has planned a delightful social for Thursday evening to which all members and friends of the church are invited. An informal reception will be held in the Bible school rooms at eight and following this a choice musical program will be presented.

Miss Vera Damon will be heard by this audience for the time since her return from Boston, where she has been pursuing her musical education. Miss Damon's numbers comprise a trio of French chansons: "Pour Quoi" from Lakme, "Jeune Fille" by Leon and "Pierrot" by Rubner; and a

duo of English lyrics: "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal," by Quilter, and "A May Morning," by Denza. A unique musical feature will be presented by Mrs. Frank Atherton and Mrs. Kenneth Barnes in Max Heindel's "Spanish Duel," a musical melodrama. This is repeated by the special request of those privileged to enjoy it at the last meeting of the Morning Music Club.

After the program refreshments will be served in the parish house. It is hoped that a large number will turn out to greet old friends and meet new ones. Strangers and visitors in the city are especially invited to be present.

FIRE SWEEPS BIG FREIGHTER IN PACIFIC

Fire swept the big British freighter Bolton Castle after leaving Honolulu in March for Japan and China ports. The vessel, laden with a valuable cargo, was saved through heroic work by Chief Officer G. Foy and other officers.

Capt. H. Smith gives much praise to the effort of the men who labored for 48 hours in quenching a blaze that destroyed a considerable amount of cargo.

The fire was discovered in the No. 3 hatch. The Bolton Castle had called at Honolulu for bunker coal. It belongs to the fleet of Castle line freighters which have been operating between the east coast of the United States and the Orient by the way of

Panama canal. The origin of the fire is not known but it is believed that friction caused by the rolling of the ship on its trans-Pacific voyage had developed intense heat in a quantity of drums of potassium cyanide. A part of the damaged or destroyed freight was consigned to Manila. Advice received at Honolulu state a general average of 6 per cent had been declared when the freighter reached Kobe, Japan. The Bolton Castle may return to the Atlantic coast by the way of Honolulu. It is expected to load hemp in the Philippines.

Manoa Left with Big Cargo.

The Matson Navigation steamer Manoa left San Francisco today with 4800 tons of freight for delivery at Honolulu. It will arrive here early Tuesday morning if the regular schedule is followed. The Manoa was given 485 tons of freight to be discharged at Kahului.

A decision handed down by Circuit Judge Stuart is that E. C. Winston, plaintiff, recover from J. P. Looney, defendant, the amount of a promissory note with interest amounting to \$4060.45, the plaintiff also to recover the costs.